



What's happening?

Washington State Ferries (WSF) is designing a new, expanded Port Townsend Ferry Terminal. This project will preserve the existing landing structures at the terminal and will expand vehicle holding to accommodate existing and future traffic demands.

Key features:

- The project will replace many of the current terminal structures to improve safety and operational reliability.
- Increased vehicle holding areas will reduce traffic congestion and queuing on local streets during busy travel times.
- Construction is expected to begin in Fall 2008.



WSF Project Update • Fall 2006

Port Townsend Ferry Terminal Preservation & Improvement Project

Why is a new ferry terminal needed?

- To replace deteriorating wooden terminal structures. WSF is already performing emergency maintenance which is not cost effective.
- To reduce queuing on local streets by expanding vehicle holding.
- To accommodate projected growth and increasing ridership demands for the Port Townsend-Keystone ferry route. In order to meet current and future demand, WSF needs to have enough holding capacity for up to 300 vehicles, compared to the 200 vehicles the terminal and remote holding lot now accommodate.



Existing Port Townsend Ferry Terminal

What is WSF's proposed design for the terminal?

WSF has developed a proposal for the Port Townsend Ferry Terminal, based on WSF's operational needs and input from the City, public and other stakeholders. The project team studied the environmental impacts of the project, including traffic, noise, and water quality. These studies are summarized in an environmental checklist.



Conceptual view of proposed terminal design

Key features of the new terminal:

- Extending the dock 180 feet in order to create more vehicle holding area on the dock.
- Relocating Rotary Park to the opposite side of the terminal entrance to enhance beach access and improve vehicle offloading by making exit lanes straighter and wider.
- Moving the tollbooths side-by-side in order to speed up the ticketing process and move cars into the terminal faster.
- Creating a remote holding area along SR 20 (adjacent to Boat Haven) so waiting vehicles

do not block traffic during peak times. This involves shifting the roadway and adding a bike/pedestrian path behind the poplar trees.

What are the project benefits?

- Increased vehicle holding capacity
- Reduced traffic and queuing on nearby streets
- Increased safety
- Improved operational reliability
- Reduction of marine contamination by replacing creosote-treated timber with concrete and steel pilings

How can I get involved?

Your thoughts and opinions are important to us. WSF welcomes comments at any time.

You can provide comments in several ways:

Mail:
Washington State Ferries
Attn: Hadley Greene
2901 3rd Ave., Suite 500
Seattle WA 98121

Email:
PortTownsendProject@wsdot.wa.gov

Phone:
Hadley Greene
(206)515-3913

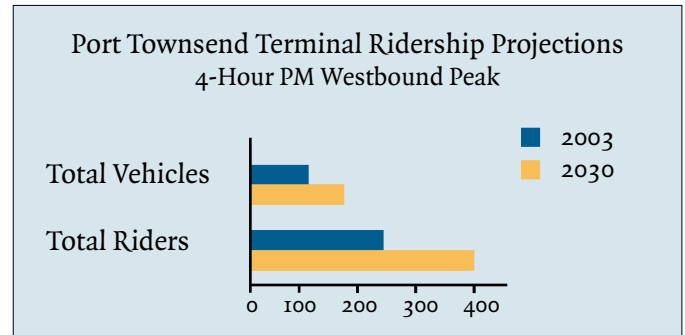
WSF Project Manager
Charlie Torres

The Vessel Decision

WSF has not yet decided what boats will operate on the Port Townsend-Keystone route once the Steel Electric class vessels have been retired. Three vessel options (124-144 car vessel, 100 car vessel, or 65 car vessel) will be studied as part of the environmental review on the Keystone Project, which is currently underway. As a result, vessel-dependent components of the Port Townsend Ferry Terminal (such as additional dolphins for a larger vessel) will not be permitted or constructed until a vessel is selected for the route.

How is this project being funded?

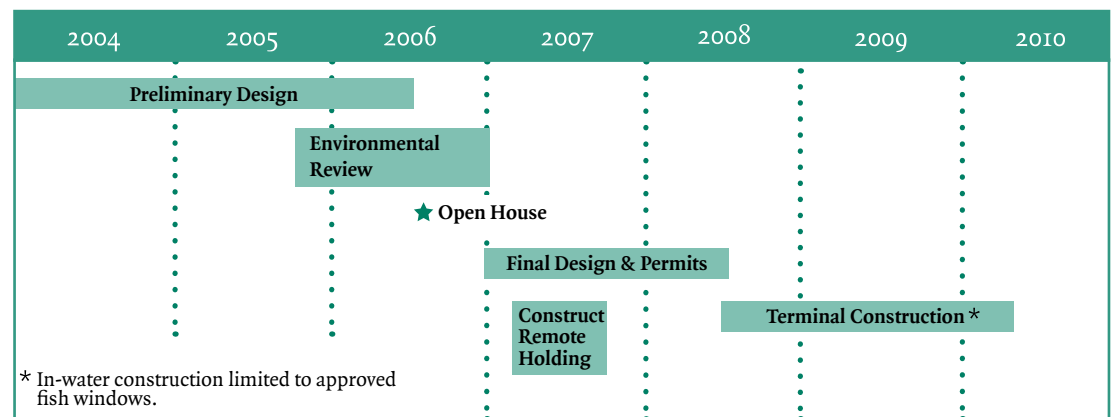
This project includes both preservation and improvement elements. Total programmed funds for the project are \$36.4 million.



What's next?

The project team is finalizing the environmental studies and expects to begin permitting the project in early 2007. Permitting will take approximately one year. Construction is expected to begin in Fall 2008.

During construction, the ferry route will still be in operation and construction activities will be coordinated with the planned two-month closure of the Hood Canal Bridge in Spring 2009.



Americans with Disabilities Act information

Materials can be provided in alternative formats: large print, Braille, cassette tape, or on computer disk for people with disabilities by calling the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) at (360) 705-7097. Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may contact OEO through the Washington Relay Service at 7-1-1.

Title VI Information:

WSDOT ensures full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by prohibiting discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the provision of benefits and services resulting from its federally assisted programs and activities. For questions regarding WSDOT's Title VI Program, you may contact the Department's Title VI Coordinator at (360) 705-7098.